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DAHLIAS

1928

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## A FEW POINTS ON GROWING DAHLIAS

Any soil which will grow good vegetables will grow good dahlias. If too heavy, lighten it with barn yard manure, coal ashes or sand. If run down, add fertilizer; barn yard manure is best.

Do not plant until after all danger of frost is over. Place the roots four to six inches deep, laying them down horizontally; do not stand on end.

Water sparingly during the early stages of growth, but keep the ground well cultivated. Water heavily when the flowers appear, and mulch with any suitable material obtainable.

### INFORMATION

Order Early: Your orders filled in rotation. Early ordering assures you the varieties you wish.

Time of Shipment: Unless you specify shipping date, your order will be shipped about May 1st.

Substitution: We never substitute, but it is well to make a second choice of the best new varieties.

Guarantee: We guarantee all bulbs true to name, and cheerfully replace any that should prove otherwise. Kindly let us know at once.

Stock: We send only field grown divided tubers.

Notice: All orders must be accompanied with cash, money order, or check. No orders sent unless they are paid for.

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### INVITATION

Visitors welcome to our fields at all times.  
Best blooms during September and October.

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### ABBREVIATIONS

Dec. Stands for Decorative; C. Cactus; H. C. Hybrid Cactus; S. Show; Peo., Peony; H. S., Hybrid Show.

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# NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1928

**Mrs. C. R. Sherman**—(Hyd. Cac.) I have been years getting a seedling for Mrs. Sherman and three years ago I discovered this beautiful seedling. This is one of the best seedlings we have ever introduced and is the largest perfect dahlia we know of. The color of this dahlia is one of the most beautiful peach pinks ever introduced. This dahlia is especially attractive in the artificial light. It has long straight stems, which do not bend. It is a prolific bloomer and a strong grower and an exceptional exhibition flower. No tubers delivered before May 15th.  
Net .....10.00

**Mrs. Maude Trumbull**—A large, full beautifully colored flower. Eosine pink shaded with begonia rose, and hermosa pink, a rare combination in a dahlia. The plant is a very strong and sturdy grower and a prolific bloomer coming into flower early in the season and continuing until frost. The flowers are extremely large and graceful with long stems and easily won the prize for the largest flower in the show wherever exhibited. It was the outstanding flower in the garden last season and attracted more attention than any other. ....10.00

## DAHLIA SEED

Owing to the fine season we have a surplus of seed this year, which we will sell at \$3.50 per Packet, as long as they last. Send for yours today.

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# DAHLIAS

MEACHEN & SHERMAN

Our Own Originations

- \***Albert Ward**—(Peo.) An exceptionally large peony flower, well formed and a free bloomer. Good stems. Color a beautiful shade of light rosolane purple at tips of petals shading darker at base. .... 1.50
- \***Christine Evers**—(Peo.) A very prolific bloomer producing blossoms on extra long straight stems. The face of petals is mallow pink, reverse rhodamine purple shading lighter at tips. A good keeper making it an ideal flower for cutting. .... 1.50
- \***Charlotte Fargo**—(Dec.) This fine large yellow decorative, we think is one of the best yellows we have originated. It is a semi-dwarf plant, a very strong grower and a dahlia that is well liked by everybody. It has strong stems to carry the flower above the foliage. It is a profuse bloomer for such a large flower. It is fine for exhibition. .... 3.50
- \***Charles E. Wheeler**—(Dec.) A beautiful dahlia of self color. It is a rich lavender violet with heavy bronze green foliage. The flowers are large, full and well formed and are held erect on rigid stems two feet long which make this creation distinctive for bouquets or other decorative purposes. This is one of our latest and best introductions for 1927. ~~Plants only.~~ .... 10.00
- \***Elsie Daniels**—(H. C.) Received a certificate of merit. The color of this wonderful dahlia is a pale orchid shade on the outer petals which are long and shaggy, the center ones are white, making a most wonderful combination of colors. The habits of the plant are all that could be desired. It grows about four feet tall and the stems are strong enough to hold the extra large flowers erect above the foliage. .... 3.00
- \***Enos Pyle**—(Dec.) A beautiful golden bronze of the decorative type. Face of the petals, shaded and streaked with jasper and nopal red. Reverse streaked and veined with rosolane purple. Petals are twisted, showing the colors on reverse side. The blooms are very large and are borne on the tips of very long stiff stems. Awarded 87 points at Storrs Trial Gardens. .... 3.00
- Ethel Hardy**—(Peo.) This is one of the finest rose buff colored dahlias grown. It is extra large and on good stems. Fine for exhibition. .... 1.00

Tubers

- \***General McRae**—(Dec.) One of our new seedlings. The face of the petals is apricot buff, suffused with gold and the reverse light coral red, making a beautiful combination. The flowers are very large and perfectly formed and are held erect on extra strong, stiff dark colored stems. One of our prize winners. .... 3.00
- \***George C. Meachen**—(Dec.) Is a large beautifully formed decorative flower and so deep and full that it is almost round. The face of the petals is pinard yellow overlaid with a golden sheen. Reverse of outer petals is nopal red, inner petal rose doree, streaked with pinard yellow. The petals curl enough to show the colors on reverse side making a most beautiful flower. Stems are straight and strong enough to hold the heavy flowers erect above the foliage. The flowers keep well when cut. .... 3.00
- \***Governor A. Harry Moore**—(Dec.) A decorative of exceptional merit. The color is yellow with a slight shade of buff on outer petals. The bushes are covered with extra large flowers all season. .... 3.00

Tubers

\***Governor Trumbull**—(D.) A strong growing plant with large full flowers carried on long stems way above the foliage. Color is pink faintly tinged mauve. Stock limited ..... 5.00

**Jessie Louise**—One of our late introductions. A very large decorative, on good stems. The color is pale rose purple shading lighter at the ends of the petals. Very prolific. .... 5.00

\***Marion Christine**—One of the best decoratives for cut flowers. The color is cadmium tipped with begonia rose. It has long stiff stems and the blooms are beautiful. This is one of the best dahlias of our collections and is recommended for garden use. .... 1.50

\***Mrs. Charles L. Britten**—(H. S.) A new hybrid show. Without disbudding flowers will grow 6-8 in. The outer petals are pink and the center white. A very free bloomer. .... 2.50

\***Mrs. George C. Meachen**—(D.) A new decorative that is sure to be a winner. The face of the flower is iridescent shadings of picric yellow and corinthian pink with deep rose back. All together it is a very delicate and wonderful color. .... 5.00

\***Pride of Stratford**—(Dec.) The color of this beautiful decorative dahlia is very striking being a brilliant shade of cadmium orange shading slightly to orange yellow at base of petals when fully open. Stems are long and sturdy. This immense, magnetic and radiant bloom has created the outstanding sensation of a generation in the business. The demand for bulbs of this newly introduced flower was so great that our supply of bulbs last year was totally inadequate. Orders should be entered early to insure fulfillment. .... 5.00

\***Robert H. Sherman**—(Dec.) A very large, beautifully formed flower with very straight stiff stems. Color is pale orange yellow tipped with apricot. Reverse side of petals spinel pink beautifully veined and shaded. The whole overlaid with golden bronze. A prolific bloomer and wonderful flower. Awarded the certificate of merit. .... 3.00

Tubers

\***Sea Shell**—(Peo) Sea shell pink. A prolific bloomer. The very large flowers carried on long stems are greatly admired. .... 1.50

\***Senator Walcott**—(Peo.) One of the flowers that attracts the eye as soon as one enters the garden, it is such a brilliant shade of red. The flowers are so very large that the strong stems drop slightly. It is a very free bloomer and a grand flower for exhibition. .... 5.00

\***Senator Wheeler**—(Peo.) One of our latest creations that made its initial appearance in the market during 1927 for delivery in the spring of 1928 is a peony of phenomenal size and a free bloomer. The flower is very full with petals that are distinctly curled. This feature is so pronounced that the blossom coming into bloom looks like a hybrid cactus but later turns to peony. A choice collection would not be complete without this attraction. Deep wine red. .... 3.00

\***The General**—(Dec.) A deep garnet flower of unusual size with a silvery white reverse, the combination forming a blossom of remarkable beauty and charm. Bulbs ..... 3.00

**\*Uncle Sam—(Peo.)** Color, orange buff at base of petals shading to bittersweet pink at tips. All overlaid with a beautiful golden sheen. Center petals mustard yellow streaked with deep pink and beautifully curled and twisted. Reverse side of petals shaded spinel red. This flower is really impossible to describe. It is immense in size measuring 8 to 10 inches without disbudding and is held on stiff stems from 2 to 4 feet long. Every lover of the dahlia should have one. No home or garden complete without "Uncle Sam" ..... 2.00

## Collection of Commercial Dahlias

**A. W. Davidson—(Dec.)** The colors of this large new decorative are almost beyond our powers of description, but we are doing our best. The base is creamy yellow deepening to a blush pink tipped and streaked rose. Large size and an early constant bloomer. .... 2.00

**Adda Patterson—(H. C.)** One of the best white hybrid cactus to date. A pure white, flowers eight to nine inches in diameter. A beautiful grower. Extra large blooms are held well above the foliage on stiff stems that can be cut four feet in length, splendid for exhibition and decorative purposes. .... 5.00

**Altamont—**Rose pink, deepening to American Beauty rose toward the center of the flower. The flower is large averaging eight inches and over in diameter, full decorative type, with long slightly curled petals. .... 5.00

**Charles E. Hughes—(D.)** An immense flower, color a lemon yellow, shaded with burnt orange. This is one of the best exhibition flowers we know of, easily grown to ten inches on excellent stems. Plants. .... 2.50

**Charles Stratton—(D.)** A grand exhibition decorative dahlia; has been awarded sixteen prizes in New Jersey for size and color. Color is old gold shaded and tipped with old rose. .... 2.00

**Colleen Bawn (Kernon's 102)—(Dec.)** The long, shaggy, slightly twisted petals of this large deep pink flower faintly tinged with lavender make up a bloom which must be seen to be appreciated. Plants. .... 2.00

**Daddy Butler—(H. C.)** This is a very large hybrid cactus of the truest form for exhibition and a wonderful cut flower, colors are of the American beauty shades or rosy carmine. The petals are twisted and rolled showing a light tint. The stem is perfect and bushes are always covered with extra large perfect blooms. .... 1.00

**Emma Marie—**A favorite Hybrid Cactus because of its pleasing shade of clear pink with a creamy white center, and its combination of exhibition and commercial qualities not found in many dahlias. It is a robust grower, producing deep, full-centered blooms averaging eight inches in diameter on three to four foot stems in ordinary field culture. Grow it and you will love it. .... 2.00

**Eleanor Martin—**A wonderful new decorative of deep mulberry and rose colorings; the flowers are very large and are held erect on long, stiff stems. The freedom of flowering and habit of plant are very good. Average height about five feet. A splendid variety for exhibition and decorative purposes. .... 3.50

**Ellinor Vanderveer—**An incomparable dahlia of exquisite beauty and great size. The large blooms of glowing, satiny rose pink are of great depth and substance and are held far above a tall sturdy bush on exceptionally long, stiff stems. There is no surplus leafage and with ordinary disbudding every flower is perfect. This dahlia is said to be the best California dahlia ever put on the market. .... 2.50



**Eliza Clarke Bull**—(Dec.) Easily the very best white that has ever been sent from California, and probably the best white in existence. The flowers are large, of splendid formation, stem and growth perfect..... 3.50

**Faith Garibaldi**—(Dec.) This immense deep rose decorative is a flower of great substance and of perfect formation, it does not require heavy disbudding for immense blooms. The stem is exceptionally strong and carries the flower high above the foliage, the blossoms last indefinitely on the bush and nearly a week in the house. This dahlia has won many prizes in different parts of the country. .... 3.50

**Fort Monmouth**—(H. C.) One of the giants of the Dahlia World, that created much sensational interest at the eastern shows the past season. The predominating color of this dahlia is a rich crimson maroon, with slight blueish violet tone at tips of petals. The flowers are well formed, full centered, of true H. C. type, and of immense size, attaining to a diameter of full 13 inches, and are borne on long stiff stems high above the foliage, and look you right in the face. Flower does not burn, and is a splendid keeper, both on the plant, and when cut. Prolific bloomer from early to late, and it is no uncommon thing to see 5 and 6 giant blooms on a plant at a time. Foliage dark green, and has been immune to injury from leaf hoppers. Tubers, each \$15.00. Plants, each ..... 7.50

**Gladys Bedford**—(D.) This immense flower is one of the deepest decoratives we have ever grown. Flowers held upright on rigid stems and a wonderful bloomer. Color is old rose shading to yellow. .... 2.00

**Grace Sherman**—(D.) A very large full flower. The color is a light pink over-laid at the center with a deep golden yellow. Stems are long. .... 3.00

**Grace Jocelyn**—(D.) The color tones of this beautiful dahlia are begonia rose and deep salmon. Flower is large, full centered, with good stems. One of the season's beauties that has a strong appeal to all lovers of beautiful art dahlias, and will win its way into the hearts of many dahlia enthusiasts as it becomes better known. Plant is of medium height, a healthy grower, and prolific bloomer and a good tuber maker. Seedling of Mor-della. Tubers, each \$10.00. Plants, each ..... 5.00

**Jersey's Beauty**—(Dec.) Very fine true pink. Flowers large and of perfect shape, produced on long, straight, stiff stems. Very free bloomer and a splendid keeper. Certificate American Dahlia Society, 1923. .... 1.00

**Judge Marean**—(Dec.) This dahlia is too well known to describe. One of the best bloomers with large flowers on long stems. It is a glowing salmon pink, yellow and pure gold. .... 1.00

**King of Shows**—(S.) This is the largest yellow show dahlia to date. It is grown on excellent stems, a very free bloomer. .... 1.00

Tubers

**Mariposa**—(H. C.) This is one of the best hybrid cactus grown, The bushes are always covered with large flowers. It is a prize winner wherever exhibited. This is one of the best western dahlias that we know of. Color is a delightful shade of violet pink, which is intensified by a violet suffusion. The blooms are of great depth and substance, borne on extra long and stiff stems. .... 1.50

## Plants Half Price of Tubers.

- Monmouth Beauty (24-133)**—(Dec.) This beautiful dahlia is a seedling of Amun Ra. The flowers are very large and full, and of a rich salmon orange, with lustrous metallic golden sheen, and are borne on long stiff stems high above the foliage. Plant an unusual sturdy grower and quite prolific. Height 7-8 feet. Tubers, \$7.50 each; Plants each. .... 3.75
- Marcella Gill**—(D) A very handsome pink dahlia. It has very broad petals, and is a fine bloomer, excellent for cutting and a good commercial flower. .... .75
- Miss M. E. Dingee**—(D.) An enormous flower of color, hard to describe. It is a combination of salmon, orchid and yellow. On the best of stems. It is an excellent dahlia to have. .... 2.50
- Mrs. E. P. Judd**—(Dec.) Carmine and rose suffused with cream, a very large handsome flower carried on a good strong stem. Tubers ..... 3.00
- Mrs. Edward Taylor**—(D.) Immense flowers of beautiful cerise. This is a dandy on fine stems and has good blooms. .... 3.00
- Mrs. Emily Davie**—(D.) A very large light rose pink shading to yellow. Flowers are on erect stems, four feet long. .... 3.00
- Mrs. George Sherwood**—(D.) This is an immense flower borne on excellent stiff stems and is a beautiful golden rose. This is a gem ..... 2.00
- Mrs. Happie Bedford**—(H. C.) In this we have a perfect hybrid cactus dahlia. Its enormous size and color will win anywhere, color is a beautiful canary yellow ..... 3.00
- Mrs. I. DeVer Warner**—(Dec.) One of the best lavender decorative flowers grown. It is enormous in size and has good straight stems. A splendid keeper. .... 1.00
- Mrs. Seybold**—(D.) This is one of the prettiest rose and white dahlias. Excellent for decoration and for cut flowers. A fine bloomer on fine stems. .... .50
- Nagel's Roem (Nagel).** The large flowers are borne on rigid stems. Color, chamois overlaid with salmon; petals curled and twisted, making up a flower of great beauty. Free bloomer. Tubers, \$4.00; Plants ..... 2.00
- Papillon**—(H. C.) This is a very large dahlia. It is a wonderfully improved George Walter, size much larger, stem much better. A beautiful shade of old rose, with golden lights. A wonderful bloomer, stems strong and long that carry the flower well above the foliage. .... 1.50
- Peppermint Candy**—This variety which is creamy white with many crimson stripes and splashes. It is large and a very free bloomer, but we regret to say that the stem is not heavy enough to carry the large blooms. Despite this fact it was one of our best sellers at the New York show. .... 2.00
- Pride of Connecticut**—(Dec.) We feel that in offering this new variety we have one which will soon prove its value both as a commercial cut flower variety as well as for exhibition. The color is for the most part deep glowing pink with the reverse of each petal changing to a light amaranth pink. .... 1.50
- Rollo Boy**—(H. C.) (Pelicano.) Delicate shade of amber, shading to old gold. A strong growing plant of medium height, producing large flowers in great profusion, on the best of stems. A leading prize winner. 2.00
- Bob Pleuse**—(H. C.) This is a very attractive variegated dark red almost maroon, tipped white, a pleasing combination of colors. Blooms average six to seven inches. Plants are medium height and very free bloomer ..... 2.00

- Tubers
- Radio**—(Dec.) An enormous red and yellow flower. It might well be called a beacon light for it attracts attention from all parts of the garden. .... 2.00
- Ralph Blodgett**—(Dec.) This is something new and entirely different from other varieties in color which is deep orange with a slight red suffusion and each petal tipped white. Very large size and a splendid bloomer 2.00
- Regent**—(C.) One of the best American catcus grown. Its stems and size are very attractive. Color is a beautiful shade of clear mauve pink. Fine for cutting or exhibition. .... 1.50
- Robert Scott**—(D) A very beautiful apricot yellow with rose shading. Extra large bold flowers, excellent stems and a fine bloomer. ~~Plants only.~~ .... 3.50
- Sagamore**—(Dec.) A rich amber gold shading toward the center, salmon rose or orange buff. I consider this the best dahlia of its color yet produced. The plants are strong and vigorous, and free bloomers. Large flowers on the best of stems. A constant prize winner at all the shows. .... 2.00
- Susan Coe**—(Peo.) A splendid flower of perfect form, large size, carried on long stiff wiry stems, a pleasing shade of rose-pink, passing to a yellow center, suffuse salmon as the season advances. This is an excellent dahlia. .... 3.00
- Susan Lee**—(D.) One of the largest orange and red dahlias we have ever grown. A prize winner in the largest flower class anywhere. This is a pippin ..... 3.00
- Winfield Slocombe**—(Dec.) The most beautiful orange colored dahlia to date. The center a beautiful golden shading to burnt orange, giving the entire flower a unique and handsome color. Perfect in form, color, stem and foliage. Produces an abundance of bloom early and late. .... 2.00
- Spottswood Beauty**—(D.) This is one of the most beautiful varieties in the list of 1928 introductions. Color is a clear Chatena pink, shading to lemon yellow at base of petals. Flowers 7-8 inches in diameter, of great depth, and are borne on long cane like stems well above the foliage. Plant is a very healthy grower, and attains to a height of 6 feet and over. One of the most beautiful pink dahlias ever introduced. Tubers, \$10.00. Plants, each. .... 5.00
- Trentonian**—(Dec.) A giant decorative of a shade that appeals and captivates at one glance; the color is that of an Indian's skin, a wonderful blending of old gold, amber and coppery bronze. This flower is highly recommended either for garden or exhibition for its size, stem and grand color. Awarded Cert. of Merit at D. S. of N. J., scoring 89 points. .... 2.00
- The Grizzly**—(H. C.) A velvety dark, red decorative. The flowers are very large and reflex which makes it very attractive, a rare novelty and a prize winner. .. 2.00
- White Glory**—(D.) This is one of the largest and best white flowers grown to date. It is a rugged grower and a profuse bloomer on good strong stems. This is one of the new outstanding varieties. .... 2.00
- W. J. Erwin**—(D.) No doubt this is the best lavender purple dahlia ever produced. It surely has size the best of stems and is a very free bloomer. This is a dahlia everybody likes and a prize to have. .... 5 00

## Plants Half Price of Tubers.

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**Wm. Bedford—(D)** One of the most beautiful chrome yellow dahlias with a slight orange shading. On the best of stems and a wonderful size and bloomer..... 2.00

**Kemp's Violet Wonder-D—(Kemp)** The largest and best violet colored dahlia to date. The predominating color is a rich Napthaline violet, with an underlying tone of royal purple, with bluish lavender reverse. Flowers as nearly perfect in form as possible; of true decorative type, and of massive proportions, attaining to a diameter of 10 inches and over, and to a depth of 6 to 7 inches, and are borne on long stiff stems, 10 to 14 inches above the foliage. Flowers do not burn, and is a remarkably good keeper, both on the plant, and when cut. Plant is a strong, vigorous grower, of wide spreading habit, constant and prolific bloomer, and good producer of tubers.  
15.00



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